Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

General Agent of Education in Alaska.

~~Sitka, Alaska,~~ Washington, D.C. Mch, 1886.

Sir:

In view of the fact that the "Blair Bill", with some additions and amendents, has passed the Senate, and is to be taken up by the House of Representatives next month, I deem it my duty to offer the following preliminary estimate respecting the illiterate population of Alaska between the ages of 10 and 20 years, both inclusive, and to recite the considerations which have led me to the conclusion below set forth.

Mr. Ivan Petroff's enumeration of the population of Alaska (page 33 of his Special Report in U.S. Census of 1880, Vol VIII) as follows:

Divisions	Total	White	Creole	Eskimo	Aleut	Athabaskan	Thlinket	Hayda.
Arctic	3,094	---	----	3,094	---	---	---	---
Yukon	6,870	18	19	4,276	---	2,557	---	---
Kuskokoim	8,911	3	111	8,036	255	506	---	---
Aleutian	2,451	82	479	---	1,890	---	---	---
Kodiak	4,352	34	917	2,211	----	864	326	---
South eastern	7,748	293	230	---	----		6,437	788
Total	33,426	430	1,756	17,617	2,145	3,927	6,763	788

Mr. Petroff does not discriminate between the sexes or the several ages of the population; but we may assume that the conditions as to sex do not differ materially from those existing in the Adjacent "Territories and Arctic Islands" belonging to the Dominion of Canada, where the British Census of 1881 reported 28,113 males and 28,333 females. The partial returns made by Russian Officials from 1818 to 1861, quoted in Mr. Petroff's paper give nearly the same proportion of the sexes — each being about half the population.

The proportion of Minors to Adults as understood by the officials of the United States' Census and by statistical writers of recent date in this country is not indicated by any of the statistics quoted by Mr. Petroff. The nearest approach to such a distinction is that made in the partial Census of 1839 made by the Hudson Bay Company in 1839, and quoted on pp. 36, 37 of Mr. Petroff's report. The free natives thus reported numbered 4,121 "adults" and 2,439 "children"; but the circumstances of that Census indicate that stature strength and child-producing capacity may have had much more to do with the assignment of many individuals to the "adults" or rather than to the "children".

I, for these reasons venture to estimate the population of Alaska as to age by the enumeration of the population

of Washington Territory, the organized territory nearest to Alaska, with the following result.

Territories	Population 1880	Minors under 10 Number	Per cent	Minors 10-20 yrs Number	Per cent	Adults, 21 and over Number	Per cent
Washington	75,116	19,396	25.8	15,553	20.7	40,167	53.5
Alaska	33,426	8,631		6,921		17,874	

In the year 1880, the condition of affairs was about as follows:

The 430 Whites mentioned in Mr. Petroff's enumeration were fairly instructed Adults; about 800 of the Creoles, or Russo-Alaskans mentioned were able to write, nearly all of these being adults; of the Alaskan races, I estimate that the number able to write was as follows;

Aleuts	500
Thlinket	200
Hyda	100

making 800 more such persons. There were, therefore about 2,030 persons to be deducted from

the estimated population ten or more years old, leaving 22765 persons ten or more year old, unable to write at that time.

If this provisional estimate meets with your sanction, please to notify me to that effect, so that I may proceed to have made a calculation of the amounts that may be due from time to time to the Alaskan schools under the provisions of the Bill already mentioned in this letter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior.

~~House of Representatives U. S.,~~

~~Washington, D. C.,~~ Mar. 1, 1884.
Greencastle Pa

Greenville

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

Yours of the 26th rec'd. I will try and be in Washington next week. Not having rec'd my Commission yet I cannot determine when we will start for Alaska but will endeavour to go by the first of April next.

Hoping that you may be successful in all your efforts to advance the cause of Education, I am Yours Truly

James Shakley

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother:

I called out-
arrange for a meeting at
Waugh Chapel last Sabbath
evening as it was the closing
of the Conference year and
Dr. Barr changes his appoint-
ment. Do you think you
can serve us on Sabbath
evening? I shall be pleased
to hear from you. If you

Could call a few moments this evening I should be pleased to see you I will be at home about 6 o'clock –

Yours sincerely,
Clara L. Beach.

March 1. 1886.

President.
JOHN HALL, D.D.
Secretaries.
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O. D. EATON, Esq.
Treasurer.

The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

P. O. Box 1938. 280 Broadway, New York, March 2nd 1886

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Many thanks to you for the Gov.t report of the Expedition to the North. I have glanced at it very carefully & been interested in it. Now are you, what are you doing?

I have before me a copy of the New York World of March 1st in which there is an article attacking you on account of your connection with Judge McAllister. It is vile & ought to be answered. If you think you sound & are competent to defend yourself, I hope you will not let it pass without some notice.

If you have not a copy of the paper I will try to secure one for you. May the Lord be with you.

Yours fraternally
Wm. C. Roberts

Rev Thos B Childs D.D.
1304 Conn ave N.W.

ack

Washington D.C.

1416 20th St., March 2. 1886

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

My dear Sir,

I have rec'd your letter of this date, with enclosed slips.

It will give me great pleasure to seek an interview with Secretary Lamar and the President, and testify to your character and standing.

This being Cabinet-day, I shall have to wait till tomorrow.

I will try to arrange to have Dr Childs go with me.

Very sincerely Yours

C. D. Drake

Chief Justice U.S. Court of Claims

WCK.

Washington D.C.

1416 21st St., March 3 1884

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

My dear Sir,

I saw the President today, and spoke to him very emphatically in your favor.

When I referred to the article in the World, he said, quite promptly, that he would not be affected by anything in that paper. He said, too, that he had not seen the article, and ~~not~~ that he wanted got it. And he said again that he would not be affected by any thing in that paper.

After this, I thought it hardly worth while to see Secy Lamar.

I do not feel at all sure of your receiving this, as you did not, in your letter, give me your address. If you do receive it, please let me know it.

Yours sincerely

C. D. Drake

(Chief Justice Court of Claims)

P.S. If you still wish me to see the Secretary, I will do it.

THE NORTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN,
Edgar A. Gay, Publisher,
Office, Room 19, No. 9 Washington Ave. N.

Minneapolis, March 3 1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Bro,

I have the pleasure of sending you for 1 year "The North Western Presbyterian", Compliments of Messrs Hodgkins & Hutchison of our College for Women at Albert Lea, Minn.

Please send them a missionary letter for their H. M. College society.

Glad you are free from the toils of your enemies. Wish you & your Co-workers abundant success. Read Numbers 6: 24-26.

Yours Sincerely, In behalf of N.W.P.
R. J. Creswell, G.F.A.

ack

New Castle Mar 8: 1880.

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro

Again I am compelled to change my plans for the time owing to Fords sickness — I think I will now not write until you return from the East to Wilmington. We can then suppose start the latter of this week but would like to meet you at Washington Therefore please let me know when you will be there again. Both Rev J. P. White & his bro are willing to go to Alaska and as far as they now can tell there no hindrances to their going

F. T. has been teaching in the public schools at Knoxville Tenn this winter for some one sick. J. P. says he does not want to crowd out any body from Juneau if the field has been promised. I intend seeing him both before long. had planned to go to Harrisburg then to Washington from there to N. Y. & Boston Mrs W. has gotten along finely with her teeth pulling and expects to go East with me. When do you intend going to Alaska? Do you intend going to Minneapolis to General assembly this Spring?

Very Truly Yours
Eugene S. Willard

Extract from a letter of a Missionary in Alaska, to Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

"Sitka, Alaska,

March 4th, 1886.

* * * * * We are all hoping you may get something done to hold the children in school. If not you must expect to hear of several leaving soon.

I think the new officials are not much better than the old, and as far as you are concerned, they will use all their influence to get you removed.

I am told there has a petition been sent on to put Capt. Cowles in your place. He and his family arrived on the last steamer.

Do not look for many favors from the new officials." * * **

Thomas Heaton

Another missionary writing to a friend under date of March 5th, 1886, says -

To A. J. Davis

" The Governor will start for Washington on the March Steamer, and declares that he will fight Dr. Jackson and compel his removal.

He has a friend here, Capt. Cowles, for whom he wishes the place.

I am on good terms with all the new officials, but I fear they will support the school only so far as it will lead to their own popularity.

Again, I think they are tacitly trying to have the Government take entire control, then with his friend, Capt. Cowles, and others for whom he wishes positions, they would have full political and educational control in Alaska." * * * * *

Mrs A. Kelly

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Gov Swineford
and the Schools
in Alaska.

Allegheny, Pa. Mar. 5. 86.

Fr. Jackson.

Dear Sir - Your letter of Mar. 4 is received. I have just mailed a letter to you stating my intention of going to Juneau. Since Mr White has applied I will give place to him and fall back to my former intention of remaining in this country a year or so

Yours in Christ,
Hubert R. Johnson.

Room 32 Memorial Hall, Allegheny.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

General Agent of Education in Alaska.

Sitka, Alaska, [illegible] 188[illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I understand they are sending [illegible] numerous letters [illegible], urging and demanding your removal, and that Capt. Cowles, an intimate friend of Governor Swineford's, be appointed to succeed you. I think Col. Ball is silently [illegible] the Governor [illegible].

[illegible]

Yours most [illegible]

[illegible]

Prof Wm A. Kelly
on
Gov Swineford

23, Beacon St., Boston,
March 6, 1886

Dear Dr. Gallton,

I cannot
take publishing in the Congregationalist the verses you
sent to me last fall as
the pitiful annoyance
practised on you in Alaska.
I was very glad to help pun-
ish your mean assail-
ants.

In reply to your recent
note, I enclose a letter

such as I suppose
you will. If it
is not all right,
you can refrain
from putting it.
I should be very
glad to receive
documents from
you as to Alaska.
Probably I can
have a short-

reply to a question
brought before my
audience here on
that subject & pub-
lished in the Independent.

Please remember me
to Gen. Eaton. Is it
true that he is to go to
Ohio to be president of
Marietta College? I

should like to say a good word for the National Bureau of Education for which he has done such wonders, if I can have material sent to me before March 15.

Very-most truly,

Joseph Cook.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Washington, D. C.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Department of Public Instruction.

Harrisburg, March 10, 1886.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your letter of yesterday announcing a change of your plans is just, and I shall cheerfully acquiesce in any arrangement you may make, and thank you for kind words in my behalf to Mr. Lewis.

Please give me the date of the "World" that has my article.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

A. J. Davis

ac.

Brussels N.B.
March 12/80.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Sir,

I have had a note yesterday from the Owen (Son of Sir Philip Owen of the S. Kensington Museum) concerning the leather Jerkin with old Chinese coins which you have so kindly placed in our college museum.

Can you give me exact details of the circumstances

where, when & of whom you obtained it & all that may be certainly known of its history. Mr Owen is interesting himself with the early relations of China & Japan with this country & such an object will interest him greatly if his facts of its origin are exactly known.

Is it not in your power to come to Princeton & give the students a

lecture or two explaining the uses & signification of the many interesting objects in the Glaskam Collection - I have been lecturing to a class of seniors in Christ Ch & there are many who would be specially interested in hearing you -

As this collection will be placed in our new Art School Museum (when some one gives us the money to build it) &

should personally be grateful for any information which would help me in arranging & classifying his sheets.

I am keeping bachelor's home with plenty of spare room & if you will name a date when it will be convenient for you to come I will be most happy to welcome you in my home.

Yours very truly

Allan Marquand

Binghamton, N.Y.
March 1st
1866

Rev. Mr. [illegible]

Dear Brother,

I was shocked to read the ungenerous attack made upon you in the Life from the pen [illegible] uncalled to [illegible], I think it a shameful & cowardly thing, & as far as the Specimen to the Mission is concerned I do not think it amounts to anything, & so far as I am disposed to pay no attention to it, as I am still intimately connected with the [illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible]

THREE DOLLARS
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OFFICE OF

The Alaskan.

Sitka, Alaska, March 13 1886

Dear Doctor:

As steamer time approaches I will drop you a line or two, to say that, after the last steamer arrived, & the Governor returned I had to give up entirely, for a time, any work on the Alaskan, as much legal business crowded in on me, & so I had nothing to do with the "make up" of the papers of Feby 27 & March 6. — The Gov tried the job I had been carrying for two months, & found the pressure so strong that I fear, in writing against time, he may have offended some of those who look for strict neutrality politically in the paper. Still I must say that in the strongest of his articles he did not go beyond his justification, in my opinion — Well, he found, & all did, that we could not get along depending on the voluntary management of first one & then

another, while 10 others did nothing, & so the Company, at a meeting, determined to employ one man & make him the responsible manager. I am the one first selected, & my reign commences with the issue of this date. I ran in the resolution of the B. of Ed.n in your favor, & as I get settled down to work will, as I have told you honestly was my purpose, see that you have "a fair show", so far as I can. The Co pays me a small salary - not as much, they admit, as is usual, for it takes much time & attention, but it runs everything by system. The paper is doing well - but if you could get us some advertisements it would help much. I shall see, while I control it, that there shall be nothing to weaken the claim of non-partisanship. -

Hoping that you may be prospering in the Alaska work, & to receive good news by expected mail —

Yours very truly

W. D. Ball

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

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The Alaskan.

Sitka, Alaska, Mch 13 1886

Dear Dr;

I kept my letter open - the Steamer arrived unexpectedly about dark this P.M. - Yours recd - Thanks for the documents sent. I will be greatly obliged if you will send me the 10th Volume Census Report. I catch in the Index to Record, which I eagerly consulted for Alaska news that a bill has been presented House Reps No 5080, "to facilitate overland communication with Alaska" - please send me a copy, I am greatly curious to know what it is. = Thus it is - we are imploring bread & they offer us a stone - I am determined to wake things up lively now - & I will not forget you Yours to Postmistress shall be attended to - In haste very truly

M. D. Ball

(COPY.)

Juneau, Alaska, March 15th, 1886.

My Dear Sir:

I received the books you so kindly sent me for which please accept thanks.

I presume you have seen the article in the Alaskan about me. It was written by our so called Gov. A. P. Swineford. He and the Marshal came over here to stay one month and while here took up with the whisky and gambling ring and listened to what they had to say about me, and by the way I had bound over a number of these parties to appear before the Grand Jury for keeping Dance Houses, &c. Swineford told them he would have me removed at once, and stated that he had written to Washington to that effect, and that my successor would be here just as soon as he could come, so I may expect him next boat; or at any rate that is what Swineford says.

About that Prostitute that I bound over, the complaining witness was one of the Gov. appointees here, as Constable, and made oath under instructions from him to have her arrested. I asked the Deputy Marshal in particular what the testimony would be. He stated that there was abundance of proof, and that it was orders from Headquarters to have her arrested. I protested against issuing the warrant, well knowing how difficult it is to convict a person of this offence in a civilized community, let alone by a Juneau jury. The United States Marshal came up to my office and stated that he and the Governor had been talking about the case and thought that the best thing to do was to fine her and imprison also. I informed him that I had no jurisdiction to do anything of the sort, that all I could do at any rate was to bind her over to appear

before the Grand Jury, which I did, and everything was satisfactory until the howl was raised about having a woman in jail. Then the Gov. ~~seen~~ saw that the people of Juneau did not want reform as bad as he inferred, then he turned around and tried to shift the blame upon me and wrote his slanderous article in the Alaskain; from that time on he was a frequent visitor of houses of prostitution and gambling hells of this place.

Swineford is like Nichols about my house. He wanted me to get out and give him possession. I declined to do it. He sent the Dep. U. S. Marshal to tell me if I did not turn over that house I lived in to him, that he would instigate suit at once. I told him to sue as quick as he pleased. Have you learned anything about my house, if so please inform me.

I hope if you can do anything to defeat the confirmation of this man Swineford, (I mean consistently) that you will do so.

My wife joins in sending her kindest regards.

Very resp. yours,

Henry States,

U.S. Commissioner,

Juneau, Alaska.

Henry Slates on
Gov Swineford.

Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church,

[P. O. Box 1938.] 23 Centre Street, New York City.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

One of these blank reports is sent you for each quarter of the year for which you are commissioned. It is expected of you to fill up the statistics fully, and add facts, thoughts, incidents and experiences—encouraging and discouraging—to enable the Board to know definitely the work you are doing. Put these in as interesting a form as possible, so that, if they are published in the "PRESBYTERIAN HOME MISSIONARY," or "RECORD," they will stir up the hearts of Christian people to sympathize with, pray for, and help support the cause in which you are engaged. Upon the receipt of each of these filled up reports, the quarterly payment may be expected from the Board, or as soon thereafter as arrangement therefor can be made. You are expected, also, to forward to the Secretaries by April 1st of each year, a statistical report of the preceding year for which a prepared blank will be furnished you.

STANDING RULES.

RULE 1. The Superintendents and Teachers in each school receiving aid from the Board are REQUIRED to render an itemized account of the expenses of the school, together with a statement of their receipts from tuition and other sources EVERY QUARTER.

RULE 2. All supplies of school facilities, such as desks, school books, furniture, &c., shall be purchased only by requisition upon the Board.

[illegible]
March 16th 186[illegible]

Dear Brethren

[illegible]

lead brother or sister & then they would
[illegible] clothe the children
[illegible] it and tell the girls
[illegible] I will mend the
hands [illegible] young women [illegible]
[illegible] the road to look for
[illegible]
[illegible] & a nice Chart we also received $25
Mrs Newberry's Sabbath school class we
d it for coal oil & wood & one lamp
[illegible]
[illegible] the Little Samuel who was burnt to death last
[illegible] was just as well as ever last Month
[illegible]
house I put the Newspapers on the wall
[illegible]

March 10th

[illegible] Mrs Simon & [illegible]
[illegible] the Task the children [illegible]
them and of course there was not a
[illegible] Oxen to have
[illegible] the Lebanon road [illegible]
they will post up [illegible]
go round with them their [illegible]
[illegible] but I don't think I'll
for me to go

A month & half or two I got nothing to do I
so I went to Bill some good I could have
had and only stained and little bit on
Sundays I will go up to Ones to have
up home and I'll spend little time I
home of the Dinner and up to all long
they will put up a big dinner in honor of
some dinner Come here & [illegible] to
go around with them. Here's [illegible]
[illegible] I have [illegible]
[illegible] to go

Name of Teacher, [illegible]

P. O. Address, [illegible]

Date, [illegible] 1886

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Fill no Blank between these Lines, leave that to the Board.

Day School

Month ending Mar. 16, 1886.

No. at S.

REMARKS.

No. of days in attendance at the Day School 41

" Scholars in attendance, largest 55

" " " smallest 18

" " " average 33

" New Scholars

Is the School opened and closed with Prayer? yes

Are the Scriptures read and taught? yes

Is the Catechism taught (Child's or Shorter)?

How many are Church Members?

How many were added to the Church this quarter?

Have you a Sabbath School? y

Of how many Members? 9

What number of the day Scholars attend the Sabbath School?

Is the Catechism taught in the Sabbath School? Bible

How often have you attended?

In what capacity?

What amount of money have you received besides salary from the Board?

(Copy.)

St. Ignace, Mich.

March 16th,1886.

Dear Sir:

As the citizens of this place take considerable interest in your unearthing the villanous character of A. P. Swineford, we feel it our duty to notify you of an individual who has just left this vicinity who lives on Macinac Island,and has gone to Washington in behalf of Swineford, and in return S. has promised to help him to a snug office; he is the man Preston who Swineford first appointed as his private secretary,an unprincipled thief and forger, who keeps a saloon on Mackinac Island, and was elected President of that village by a gang of roughs fed on his whiskey, for the purpose as he claimed of helping him secure an office from the Government. To corroborate this statement I would refer you to-

W. A. Burt, Banker of St.Ignace,

L. D. Norris,Esq.Atty. At Law,
Grand Rapids,

James Wylie,Banker, Petoskey,

and also the Administrator of the Wendell Estate, Macinac Island.

Gov Swineford &
Citizens of
St Ignace. Mich

Carpenter's Co.,
March 19th 1881

Dear Mr. Stickney

I have just rec'd. & read your Statement of Facts. I am glad you have taken the step. And though I have never voted as before the opinion I hope now you will find if they treat you out of your rights you will be justified in the action you have taken to obtain your just rights & defend the power of the Union against their corrupt measures. But I do not believe you will be treated out. And much as we all like to have you [illegible] in the office, I will be [illegible]

[illegible] I have tried to reach Mr. Chase, all through one of our bar [illegible] men, who is intimate with him. And I believe, if [illegible] me, the opposition will be [illegible] and if political influence [illegible] it is no disgrace.

Our anxiety about Father & Mother I hope is in a [illegible] way to be [illegible]. I hope they will be able to know to Carlie about the [illegible] and perhaps Mary & the girls can come & be [illegible]. I suppose you will not care to hear on to the [illegible] business [illegible] opinion; then perhaps we all can be together. Louise has a dressmaker at work this week, and is not able to answer Mary's letter yet.

Affectionately yr
E. P. Norrop.

MARIETTA COLLEGE.

Marietta, Ohio, 23d Mar 1884

Dear Dr:

I have rec'd the reg. & letter to Washington and sign you may count on my cordial co-operation in any way in which I can be of service.

I cannot tell in advance how soon you should be ready — which seems of better, & will let you know later the earliest date I can be necessary — certainly — soon.

Yours Putnam

New York Mch. 24th/86

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor

A fitting opportunity having offered, I broached the Alaska matter to Mr. Foster (Frank Leslie's Ill. Weekly) and he says he will write me any letter I want.

Would it be well and proper to have other signatures attached to the letter? Would this be equivalent to so many other letters? or would you rather I should have the letters written seperately by the other parties. What is your judgement? Now that I am "up for office" I do not

want to be defeated.

Please remember me to Mrs. Jackson and your daughters; and, hoping to see you later in Alaska I am

Yours truly

E. Conkling

25 East 11th St. N. Y. City

When I get the letters which Mr. Foster said he would hand to me, shall I simply direct them to the president. You must understand I am green in this matter, and do not want to make any mistake.

E. C.

Clarion, Pa., March 26, 1886.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I enclose a letter just recd. from Sergt. Kelly. He states that he has not written you and I think you should know the facts in order that you may forestall the Governor. I expected to remain at Clarion several weeks, but if you should need me I shall go east on short notice if you write me. I trust we may be able to prevent the consummation of the designs of the politicians.

Address me at Clarion.

Your friend,

A. J. Davis,

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Grand Rapids, Mich., 4—28 1886

Dr Sheldon Jackson,
Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir — I see by dispatches that you are laboring in a noble cause; that of defeating Swineford's confirmation. I hope you will succeed. If you will have some U.S. Senator write to the Gov. of Michigan for a copy of the Atty. General's report relative to his accounting for funds in his hands for the N.C. Expt., you will find it interesting so far as he is concerned. It should be placed before the Senate. As a private citizen, I placed my report before the Senate — as

am informed (confidentially) the Atty Gen. upon matter it still worse for him.

What are his prospects for confirmation.

Trust Kicky Gen
H. H. Carroll.

Please consider this personal

H. M. Carroll
Esq
Gen Attorney.

can be informed (confidentially) the Atty Gen. of just what it still wants for him.

What are his prospects for confirmation.

Yours Truly
H. M. Carroll.

Please consider this personal

H. M. Carroll
Esq
Chr Committee.

3/29

5 Allston St.
Boston
Mar. 28

Rev. Dr S. Jackson:
Dear Friend:
I see the Thetis has sailed, expecting to be 6 mos. in reaching S. F. So your northern trip on her will be off for this year. In Sep. I will begin a "newspaper raid" for Alaska. When you were here & spoke of Lillie Pauls sad loss & destitute condition I meant to hand you a contribution for her. But your graphic accounts so interested me that I forgot to give. Take heed, hereafter & do not be too interesting! Fill up the inclosed check, & get any small thing you may find Lillie in need of for her little mes when

you get to Sitka.

I wrote John of your visit & your opinion of the Asphalt P. Co. He says he would like to learn the business thoroughly & stick to it. John is very quick & agreeable in his business ways, & wields a ready pen, which I think he does not scruple to enter the newspaper field in behalf of his enterprises. He has written 2 or 3 articles on Asphalt P. in the Eve papers which helped establish Cleo. I know that Co. is a close corporation, most of the Superintendents & leading men are stockholders. John says if you see Mr. Wickham again, or can see him, & say

a word in time for him, it will be a help & a great favor, for he needs & must only stay in, but work up. John has, on Erie good strong social & political help back of him, in his 2 brothers in law, & an influential circle of his wife, & also in the Erie Oregon, who is his intimate friend — if you could name him & Wm Mickham for influence I should be under renewed obligations to you

Very Truly
Julia McNair Wright.

ack
Sept

New Castle Mar 29. 1886

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro

We arrived here O.K.
Saturday afternoon
Mrs Willard stopped at
Philadelphia Lewiston
to Harrisburg. did not
find Mr Davis at home
Mrs. W. got all the particulars
from Dr Corlies. He thinks
it is just the thing to
concentrate at Sunnam.

Please send me
4 pamphlets "Troubles at
Sitka" for distribution

Paternally.
Eugene S. Willard

President.
JOHN HALL, D.D.
Secretaries.
H. KENDALL, D. D.
WM. C. ROBERTS, D.D.
O. D. EATON, Esq.
Treasurer.

The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

P. O. Box 1938. 280 Broadway, New York, March 20, 1886

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Your case must soon be brought before the Board for action, but we do not know how to present it. You forgot to tell us anything about your wishes regarding your connection with the Board in the future. For six months you have not had a commission, & beyond April 1st 1886 we have no application for your services. What is it you wish the Board to do? If you desire any appointment, what? Will the Presbytery recommend you for any place or office? Bear in mind, we have rules that we cannot set aside at will & we have men in the Board that will object to any irregularity. Please inform me on these points.

Yours over
Wm. C. Roberts

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Jos. Mason.
W. A. Fowler.

Always state P. O. Address in every letter.

Mason & Fowler,

Subscription ❋ Book ❋ Publishers,

36 Bromfield Street, Wesleyan Building,

Boston, Mar. 31. 1886

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,
Sitka, Alaska. — Dear Sir —

Your book on "Alaska & its Missions", I have in my library & prize it highly. For some time I have been making a special study of Alaska & its resources, partly for my own education & partly with the view of sometime using it for material for a lecture. Several times I have yielded to the solicitation of friends & have addressed good sized audiences on this subject, as a pastime.

Now, however, I have decided to make it more of a business & want to secure every fact possible which relates to this interesting subject in all its phases; particularly its religious.

Well, but how does all this interest Dr. Jackson? Just here. The more Alaska is brought to the attention of our people in the East, the more interest have they in its welfare & hence the larger their contributions to help on your

grand work of Christianizing.

So that I felt that the work I have planned for another winter was, in a degree, helpful & supplementary to your own work & therefore you would be the more interested to aid me in the way of information, suggestion or printed matter.

Consequently, a perfect stranger, with interests widely divergent except as we are united by bonds of christian fellowship, I have made bold not only to write but also to ask for such assistance as you may feel inclined & be able to give. Please refer me to the best sources of information available to me here, in the way of books, maps &c. &c.

Where could I get the best photographs, in San Francisco, Denver, or elsewhere, illustrating of Alaska people, customs, religions, geography &c.

I have promised to give in our church, next fall, an Alaskan Missionary Concert & hope in the meantime to collect abundant material

Jos. Mason. }
B. A. Fowler. }

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36 Bromfield Street, Wesleyan Building,

Boston, 188

relating to your work there & others, like Mrs. Mc Farland & Mr. Duncan &c.

Now, my dear Dr., have I asked too much? Have I been too bold in presuming you would be glad to know that the East was being awakened to a larger interest than ever before in your chosen field of work & that you would regard such as I as welcome co-laborers?

Awaiting your reply, I am, with sincerest prayers that God's richest blessings may be on your work

Very truly yrs.
B. A. Fowler

P. S.

Would it be possible for me to secure good photographs of the principal missionary workers in Alaska? Those who have been most prominently identified with the work there.

Prof Layman
March 31, 1886.

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Corsica, Pa., March 31, 1886.

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Dear Sir:

Inclosed I hand you Rev. Richard Thomas Inclosed.

I know would you to open some place on the S. E. Hall and my own opinion is that it would pay to add this as an office

Yours truly

S. A. Saxman

(Recd)

Petoskey City Bank.
Banking House of
Curtis, Wachtel & Co.

Petoskey, Mich., March 31, [illegible]

Sheldon Jackson Esq.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of March 29th received. In reply would say that I have no personal knowledge on the subject of your enquiries. Would refer you to Rev. K. E. Davis, now of this place formerly of Agawam Mich., for information as to Mr Swineford.

Have heard that he was a man of gross and vicious habits.

As to Mr Preston will state what you probably already know that he is engaged in saloon business, is a drinking man, and five years ago failed in business, and his honesty and integrity is questioned in his dealings.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed.) Jas. R. Wylie

Testimony of J. R. Wylie
on Gov Swinford.

ack

Mrs. M. E. BECK, Proprietress.
A. H. BECK, Manager.

JONES HOUSE,

MAIN STREET.

Clarion, Pa., 4 / 1 188 6.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Your letter came this morning. I expect to be here until Tuesday. After that a telegram will find me at Harrisburg until Thursday, when I again return to Clarion to remain until after the 20th inst.

My Alaska mail came to hand, and the governor's anxiety to have Capt. Cowles succeed you is explained in part by the fact that the Capt. is interested with the Gov. in some mining enterprises.

I trust you may be successful in all your plans.

Sincerely your friend,

W. J. Davis.

Hydah Mission
Jackson Alaska
April 2nd 1886

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
U.S. Supt of Ed. in Alaska

Dear Bro

Your note received will make the statement and have it attested I respect Bro's will be Magistrate will make it before him
If you are in a hurry let me know and I will go to Wrangle at once. I cannot swear Marshal Hilyer gambled - But time and the judge and Hackett was in a saloon Running liquor was sold before their eyes - as to the girls having to lead a life of shame it is only too true -
I received the books many thanks if at any time you can get any books on the flora and birds of Alaska or the

Smithsonian [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ remember me kindly
to Mrs [illegible]

Sincerely Your [illegible]
[illegible]

W. D. McLean

W. D. McLeod
on
Alaska Officials.

E.M. MUSEUM OF
GEOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
PRINCETON N.J.

Apr 3/86.

My dear Dr Jackson,

Yours and the documents received. I am exceedingly obliged for your trouble. I was on the point of writing for them following out your suggestion. Could you kindly give me letters to such persons as you think could push the Alaska matter we were speaking of. I send you our College Catalogue which may interest you. With kind regards I am.

Yours very truly
William Libbey Jr.

47 State St. Albany,
N.Y. April 5th 1886

Dear Sheldon

Many thanks to you for sending me the two books on Alaska which I am very glad to get. They arrived on Saturday, and I write to tell you how much I appreciate them. I was also very glad to get your pamphlet in justification of your course. I sincerely hope you can hold your position, and I regret I have not or yet been able to do anything for you. If I can in any way aid you, let me know. I hope this will

find Mrs Jackson and yourself well. With my kindest regards to you both and many thanks believe me to remain

Very sincerely Yours,

J Henry Enders

I heard a few days ago from Oak Grove. The people were then usually well

"Is he credited with drinking, gambling or immorality?"

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother.

Mr. C. P. Scrimford is credited with all the vices you mention, & he is an active and intelligent man, in the [illegible] & [illegible] rule, as well as [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] a decent, [illegible] man.

Yours fraternally

H. Pike

Florence Ariz.
April 8th 1886.

Rev. C. P. Scrimford
Presbyterian Minister

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

General Agent of Education in Alaska.

Washington, D.C.

Sitka, Alaska, April 5th, 188[illegible].

Mr. Henry A. Coe,
Denver, Col.
Dear Brother,

Do you have anything to say against the Rev. A. F. Campbell, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and now Clerk of Alaska? It has come to me, privately or confidentially. If you think it wise to make an appeal, through the Herald & Guardian, to a body of girls, that their extra money is needed. We need to be sure that God's Church is here.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Your bro. in Christ,

Sheldon Jackson

Director Coe[illegible]

Washington, D.C.

(over)

"Is he credited with drinking, gambling or immorality?"

Rev. H. B. Ingersoll
Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Mr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother.

Mr. C. P. Ingersoll is credited with all the vices you mention, but he is an able and intelligent man, in fact [illegible] a sick wife & sister-in-law at home, he, as many, is not intemperate in the use of the [illegible] and the dollar & consequently has a decay, [illegible]

Yours fraternally

H. Dickey

Florence Mts.
April 8th 1886.

(Copy.)

W. A. Burt. S. A. Burt.

W. A. BURT & CO.

BANKERS,

St. Ignace, Mich. Apr 5, 1886.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 29th. ult, in regard to the characters of Mr. A. P. Swineford, of Marquette, and Mr. W. P. Preston, of Mackinaw, is received, and in reply will state that I resided in Marquette from 1866 to 1881 with the exception of two years, that for 4 years my office was adjoining his, Mr. Swineford, that for one year he resided opposite my fathers' house, where I resided, that for part of a year, I kept his books for the Mining Journal.

1st. I know and believe that his habits are not only bad but very immoral, that he never attends church, that he does drink and gamble and at times to excess. I do not think he even pretends to be a moral man.

As to his being honest and square in business transactions, I will state that it was impossible for me to get my pay for the work I did for him in cash, and I took it out in printing and paper. As to his financial ability I do not consider him a success, and he never has been successful only when he has left his finances to others. The financial success of the Mining Journal to day is due to his business manager Mr. Albert Houston. His workmen carried his notes so long that they wore out and he told them that he would have to write them on parchment next time. It did not occur to me as though he made an effort to pay and when I made out bills on good parties they would say we have paid that to Swineford.

He is far from the kind of a man I would choose for any responsible position, and I know that some of the men who have

followed him to Alaska are no better.

I can refer you to men who can give you a chapter in his history that would convince you of his total depravity.

As to Mr. Preston, I have known him going on five years, that he was a member of the firm of Preston & Dolan, and that they were the proprietors of three saloons in St. Ignace, one at Naubinway, and that Mr. Preston run one at Mackinac and was the owner of one at Mackinaw City, making six saloons that he was interested in, and for one year Preston & Dolan ran a wholesale liquor store here besides their other ones.

I am credibly informed that they, the firm made an assignment for $17,000 some two years ago and that not a cent has been paid to the unsecured creditors.

Mr. Preston is now running a saloon on Mackinaw Island, in another man's name. I am credibly informed that Mr. Preston was the owner of a house near our city limits, which was leased to a man who by reputation, and even acknowledged used the house for a house of ill-fame, and I am credibly informed that their receipts for the rent are now on file in one of the departments at Washington.

I consider Mr. Preston without honor, either financially or morally, and I know his word is good for nothing.

I can cite you to others if you so desire.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Burt.

W. A. Burt
Petoskey Mich
on
Gov Swineford

W. A. BURT S. A. BURT.

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BANKERS,

LIFE, FIRE, MARINE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

ST. IGNACE, MICH, Apr 5 1886

S. Selden Jackson Esq
Special Agent of Education in Alaska
Washington D.C.

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Respectfully Yours
W. A. Burt

W. A. Burt
vs
Gov Swineford

Clarion, Pa., 4 mo 11 '86.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

It is indeed to be regretted that Sen. Ealon can not be at Washington at this time. Is the governor of Alaska there?

I find I can not go to Harrisburg until about the 22nd. Please continue to address me here.

Could it not be arranged for me to take care of your desk if you go westward and then let me go to Sitka on your return? All of course in the event of the success of your plans as outlined in a recent letter.

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I neglected to answer one of the questions you asked in a recent letter — relating to receipt of pamphlet on Alaska troubles. I presume it is at Harrisburg, but I left that City before such pamphlet came.

Please keep me informed of every new phase of Alaska affairs.

Sincerely Your friend
A. L. Davis.

Rev. T. E. Davis
on Sev Swineford

Petoskey, Mich., Apr. 8th, '86.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir & Brother:

Your note of enquiry was received this morning. I have had opportunity to observe Mr. Swineford and to learn his reputation, as I spent five yrs. with a church at Negaunee, only a few miles from Marquette. During that time I received his paper, often saw him, and was intimate with gentlemen who knew his record and character. I was very anxious about our missionary interests when I heard of his appointment. He is a man thoroughly bad, in every respect. I have seen him drink whiskey and heard him swear — two of his confirmed habits. He is an open & shameless scoffer at churches & christianity. That appeared time and again in his paper, which was really an indecent sheet. I have heard him called, by those who know him, a gambler and a libertine; which I fully believe to be true, although I could not cite facts to prove it. At one time he had control of the affairs of

Marquette County in the "Board of supervisors" and was the leader in a fearful amount of corruption — as I have been told by the present Chairman of that board, who fought the battle that put Mr. Swineford out of power.

Mr. Swineford is a man of ability; but he is a knave. You may be sure he has some base motive in accepting that appointment. He will get rich out of it, if he possibly can. He is a spendthrift. Is not a business man. If any man of Marquette Co., you might ask, would tell the truth; he would give you a similar reply. I have heard more than one man in that County say that, if Mr. S. was sent to Alaska, he would look around pretty sharply to see what he could steal.

Now, this is a pretty hard character to give a man; but, I tell you, he is a pretty hard sort of a man out of which to make a Governor for a country which needs the wisest, most honest, & humane treatment — to say nothing of its religious & educational needs. I do not know what use of this you intend to make. I presume it is only one of many solicited letters upon the subject. I have written as a christian minister to a Bro. in the work of Christ. I very much regret that Mr. Cleveland gave such a man as Mr. Swineford such an appointment.

Fraternally yours,

H. E. Davis.

Clarion, Pa. Apr 9 '16.

Dear Dr. Jackson

In writing to you hurriedly two days ago I said something about taking care of your desk if I am appointed Supt. of Pub. Instruction in case you go to the Westward.

My reason for making the proposition is that I am still engaged in working for a launch for S.E. Alaska Missions. My lecture on Alaska is quite popular and I believe that by the holiday season I can earn enough to purchase a fine vessel. The work at your desk, I

I presume could be so supe
as not to consume all
my time and thus make
me to go on a lecture tour
occasionally. I must
undertake a science I
love to persist in it until
~~it~~ my purpose is accom-
plished. To seem to get a
launch by my own personal
efforts has taken a deep hold
on me, and I should
dislike very much to
give it up.

I trust that by this
time matters may have
developed to your satisfac-
tion and that a divine
Providence may have
ordered all things for the best.

Sincerely your friend,
A. J. Davis.

— Pastor's Study —

Iron Mountain, Michigan.
April 9th 1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:
Dear Sir & Bro.:—

The letter of inquiry about Mr. A. P. Swineford came to-day.

Would be glad to be able to say anything that might be of service to you.

I do not know Mr. Swineford personally, but I believe he does not bear a very creditable reputation here. Am told by some of our best citizens who know him that he is of better ability than character

It is said from several reliable sources that he can be "credited with drinking, gambling and immorality." It is further said that he is "efficient, upright, and honest" with some qualification.

Regret that I can not speak from a personal knowledge of him. His old associates here are no recommendation.

Glad to be of any future service in this or any other matter pertaining to our Lord's kingdom.

Yours

Yours in the faith.

Melvin Fraser.

Pres. Pastor

Rev John H. Kerr on
Geo Swineford

Oconto Wis
Apr 9th 1886

Rev Dr Jackson
Dear Sir

Your letter of inquiry concerning A. P. Swineford has been received. Marquette is 150 miles north of this place & altho it is in the same Presbytery that this place is I have scarcely any acquaintance with the place & people. I know nothing at all about Mr Swineford, - a brother of his is the C. & N. W station agent at this place & is a very gentlemanly & quiet man but never attends church. I have received however an unfavorable opinion of A. P. Swineford from the secular papers.

Yours fraternally
Jno. H. Kerr

To the U.S. Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D.C.

Nome, Alaska, April 1[illegible], 1[illegible].

We, the undersigned have the following facts to be essential. That Lincoln Strong Tennell was a resident, as used his affidavit indicates, before the records in Alaska.

Two. That Dana Stickney was kindergarten teacher, and by his official duties cannot be well connected to the Indian training school.

Three. That through the failure of Dana Stickney, a large number of children were taken out of the kindergarten in the fall of 1[illegible], and in a subsequent by a number of the larger girls from this institution they had disappeared.

Four. That with the exception of Mr. Lewis-Alert of the Nome, and Mr. Fred, Commissioner, it was understood that the children of the kindergarten affiliated at Nome were sent to Mrs. Lucille Stewart, [illegible] and the schools, as in various ways and that they could be legally used.

Five. That Mr. [illegible] was not unwilling to his duties with the contract neither did he discharge the rights of the citizens.

(Signed)(Seal) Frank;
Teacher.
(Signed) R. Austin;
Minister.
[illegible] Gray,
Supt. of Training School.
[illegible],
Professor of Industrial Training School.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1[illegible] day of April 1[illegible].

Geo. H. Fred,
U.S. Commissioner at Nome.

(Seal)

Det. 28 Apr. - 84

My dear Dr. Jackson

Yes, I know you are done all that could be done: & I hope that Dr. Smith would begin to consider that he owed ~~[illegible]~~ you a debt — & make it dismiss you at once. But if there may be a fee, your best way is as you suggest to get an opinion of the Supreme & see the right man — & have a number of things in my power.

And, by the way, you had better draw up a petition in the Senate — that Leg. Bill & that Sunday Civil Bill —

The transportation of wanted to be all nonsense — giving another chance for the Mississippi agency — you & I know it is an invitated agent —

Was sorry you could not get the Leader over the Preference Marine Hospital Service —

Fairchild & Young
received that the
[illegible] mark [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]?

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[illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible]

Does [illegible] know [illegible]
[illegible] of State Ed-Bill? [illegible]

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Sheldon Jackson Esq
Dr Sir

Your favor of Apl 3d with Enclosure of Prof Saxman is recd - I am pleased to note progress, and hope there will be no unusual delay in your affairs - As soon as everything is settled definitely at your end, I will make the necessary preparations here and at Loring. I have obtained again, a sufficient control of the Co's affairs to enable me to act and work without restraint, and believe that everything will turn out to your satisfaction.

The means of communication to Alaska for the rest of the Spring & Summer as I learn will be about as follows.

The P.C.S.S.Co (Pacific Coast Steamship Co) will send two Stmers per month beginning May 1st. to Sitka.

The St Paul & Alexander II. have both left. the Russian Schooner Leon sails tomorrow, the Revenue Cutter Corwin leaves for Unalaska in about 10 days. and the

Bear for Behring Sea about the same time. The Leon goes to Petropaulofski.

Mr Bradys Str the "Leo" arrived at Pt Lowisend some time ago. but I do not know of her intended movements I was in Lopez she would come down here. If I learn of any other intended sailings I will let you know. Rohlfs vessel has allready sailed for Bristol Bay

The season is opening early, I will leave for Alaska on the 30th, should I change my programme I will let you know.

Enclosed please find time Card as far ahead as issued.

I will drop your friend Saxman a line and give him encouragement in case any is needed.

With sincere regards
Yours very
Max Pracht

Max Pracht

Max Pracht
Special U.S. Agt.

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., Apl 17, 1886

Dear Jackson

I have seen Mess Butterworth & Cannon this morning in regard to the Legislative Appr bill, & they tell me that the bill is not likely to be reported ~~[illegible]~~ to the house under two or three weeks yet.

Yours truly

R M Johnson

Liberty, Gage Co. Neb. 4.12.1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Washington D.C.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 5th inst inquiring as to the reputation of A. P. Swineford, Gov. of Alaska - is at hand. My acquaintance with him was never intimate - I met him occasionally. He was frequently in Ishpeming Mich while I lived there (5 years) and I met him in his office in Marquette. Personally his conduct with me was courteous.

His general reputation however was such, that had he possessed less ability, he would have had very few supporters - By all, regardless of party he was deemed unscrupulous as to methods by which

ends were gained. More especially in political things. As to drinking, gambling, and immoral practices, I have heard it affirmed, but of this I know nothing personal. While from his general morals I understand how such charges would be readily believed.

I was surprised at his appointment as Governor of Alaska. I expected he would receive something for his political service, but was pained that he or one like him was sent to a point where opposite traits are so essential to the advancement of christian civilization. I am sorry to write thus of any man, especially a public servant.

Yours in Gospel bonds
Andrew F. Ashley.

31 Nassau St.
New York City.
Apr 13/86

Rev Dr Jackson.

My dear Sir.

The Alaska matter referred to was with regard to the appointment of young Lieut Emmons in the service at Alaska - to secure a friend in a place to do us service in the way of collecting &c. I have hardly dared to think of the proposed Alaska trip it is very tempting and if all goes well I may ask Prof Baird if he does not want to send me - when I shall be thankful for any help you may be able to give me -

With kind regards I am

Yours very truly

William Libbey Jr

Washington D.C.
U.S. Senate
Apr. 14, 1886

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
C/o Bu. of Education
City.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 13th inst. was just received.

I shall be glad to see you any afternoon at the reception room of the Senate after two o'clock or at my residence in the evening between 7 and 8 o'clock.

Very truly yours,

J. N. Dolph

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P. O. Box 1938. No. 280 Broadway.

New York, April 14 1886

Dear Dr Jackson

Dr R W Hill writes Apr. 6/86 as follows = "Senator Dolph has had placed on the calender of the Senate a bill which will permit the N.W. Trading Co. to purchase certain lands in Alaska 320 acres each at Killasinv, Pyramid Harbor & Chilcat ---- the proposed purchase at Chilcat will probably take in all our interests as the Co. has always asserted a claim to Chilcat &c &c" Would it not be well for you to look after the matter -

Yours truly

O D Eaton

Norris & Uhl,
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Lyman D. Norris,
Edwin F. Uhl.
Mark Norris.

Grand Rapids, Mich. APR. 14, 1886

DICTATED BY L.D.NORRIS.

MR.SHELDON JACKSON,

WASHINGTON,D.C.,

DEAR SIR:--

I HAVE YOUR FAVOR OF THE 10TH INST., AND NOTE CONTENTS. AS THE ATTORNEY FOR THE WENDELL ESTATE,I HAD OCCASION TO INVESTIGATE THE BUSINESS ABILITY AND HONESTY OF MR.WILLIAM P.PRESTON OF MACKINAC,HE HAVING BEEN FOR SOME YEARS THE AGENT,UNDER A POWER OF ATTORNEY, OF THE ADMINISTRATRIX AND GUARDIAN,MRS. ANNIE M.WENDELL OF MACKINAC. I FOUND HIM LACKING IN BUSINESS ABILITY AND HONESTY, AND DO NOT THINK THAT HE IS FIT, FOR ANY POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST.

YOURS &C.,

Lyman D. Norris

Rev J. B. Bozar

THE PARSONAGE,
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
MARQUETTE, MICH.

Gov Swineford.

April 15. 1886

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bro:

Yours of the 5th inst. reached me last evening.

I have no personal acquaintance with A. P. Swineford, & really know very little about him. I have heard him spoken of as an able man & astute politician. He is nominally an Episcopalian, but, I think, rarely attended service. I have, also, been informed that he does not know how to manage financial matters, so that he is a poor man. I have never supposed him to be an intemperate man or a gambler, tho' I presume he drinks & plays cards, as men of his class in this

this region, unless christians very generally do.

His ability is undoubted; his honesty I have never heard questioned. It is my impression that he will make a good governor.

Fraternally yours

J. B. Bonar

Rev Alex Dankin
re
Gov Swineford.

Vassar Mich., Apr. 15/86.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 5th inst. was forwarded here from Sault Ste Marie and is replied to accordingly. I had only a slight acquaintance with Gov. Swineford, but his reputation, judging from News (Republican) of our town is good as that of the average politician. I never heard anything about his drinking or gambling, or being guilty of any grossly immoral conduct. Perhaps knowledge of his

Hamlin is too manly to justify an opinion as to what he might do when so far removed from public view.

Yours very truly

Alex. Austin.

Ripon, Wis. 4-16-1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of the 5th inst. add. to me at Crystal Falls, Mich. reached me here, a day or so ago.

In reply wld. say. I know little or nothing of Mr. Swineford - cannot say whether he is addicted to the vices you mention or not. Prob. Rev. J. B. Bonar, of Marquette, Mich. could tell you all you wish to know

Yours in the Service

Isaac Baird

Rev Isaac Baird
m
Gov Swineford.

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Prof Sayman
April 16. 1886.

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53, 55 and 57 Park Place,

P. O. Box 3706.

New York, April 17th 1886

Dear Doctor

The enclosed letters are what I now have ready for action. Mr. Hewitt recommends my sending them, with my personal application, to the President, and asking for a personal interview.

He says he does not speak to the President but thinks his recommendation will advantage me with him. What do you think?

Please pardon me for once more drawing upon you for your superior judgement, and I shall

then be ready to act.

In my letter to the President, great right.

Yours truly
Ed. Conkling

25 E. 11th St
N. Y. City

Peter, Mo. June, 1st 1886.

Rev. Hudson Jackson.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir, Your letter of inquiry relative to [illegible] has been forwarded to me from Mexico, Mo.

Jackson will say that during my years residence in Pettis Co. Mo. I never met Mr. Mumford personally, & never saw him but once. That was when he was passing through [illegible] on Otter Creek church. I cannot give you any valuable information from personal knowledge. I cannot say that I ever saw Mr. M. intoxicated in my presence — All that I know of him is merely hearsay. & that rumor among the people with whom I came in contact was uniformly bad. Whether this rumor grew from his habits, or public career I do not know. He was not a man Christians people or preachers in my district or county

a few days. When I went to his office to see him, I said to myself — "Too bad — this is the man — he knows in the administration of financial matters. I do not recall any shade of rumor which would cast suspicion in that direction.

I would refer you to Hon. James H. Conger of Menominee, Mich. — member of legislature in Mich. — as one probably possessed of the fullest information of facts, & who might be willing to communicate with you. Mr. Conger is not a Mormon Christian, but is a gentleman of high morals, who was for years editor of the Menominee Herald.

Very truly yours —

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Rev A. W. Bill
on
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The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

P. O. Box 1938. 280 Broadway, New York, April 20 1886

My dear Bro. Jackson:

Your application was presented to the Board & acted upon on Tuesday afternoon. They have commissioned you for Alaska from Oct. 1st 1885 to Oct. 1st 1886, at the rate of $1200. I am sorry that they felt constrained to cut down the salary, but they held that you should share the lot of the other Presbyterian & synodical missionaries.

Your paper of the 29th inst is at hand. We shall do all we can to head off the Jesuits in their nefarious schemes.

With kindest regards to Mrs. J.

I remain,

Yours very

Wm. C. Roberts

Circular letter sent to influential Men in Philadelphia

Washington, D. C. April 21, 1886.

Dear Sir:

The Hon. S. J. Randall, Congressman from Pennsylvania, is both Chairman of the General Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and also of the Sub Committee of the "Sundry Civil Bill", which contains the Appropriation for Education in Alaska.

It seems very necessary that a strong effort should be made, by all those interested in the welfare of the people in that far off country, to induce Mr. Randall to increase the appropriation this year from $25,000 to $50,000.

Therefore I take the liberty of asking your assistance. Please write Mr. Randall a personal letter on this subject. Also if you have any influential man in your community (if he is a Democrat all the better for this purpose) whom you can influence to write Mr. Randall, please do so.

You and I believe in the merits of the case, but Mr. Randall will consider it from the side of policy, and the wider the influence brought to bear upon him, the more readily he will respond.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Sent Apr 23

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280 Broadway, New York, April 22 1886

Dr. Sheldon Jackson Washington D.C.

Dear Dr:

Our Committee have decided to order 75 copies of your map of South East Alaska and 25 of Alaska, at the rate you offer. Please send the bill which will be paid promptly.

We think we can make good use of the maps

Yours with cordial regard

S. E. N. Hawes Sec.

Per Mrs. D. B. Fink

PENNSYLVANIA.

Department of Public Instruction.

Harrisburg, 4/23, 1886,

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I arrived here Wednesday night, coming via New York, where I saw Mr. Boyd and Dr. Eaton. The secy's were both absent. Mr. Boyd told me the Board would send a shoemaker to Sitka if a suitable man could be found.

Has Gen. Eaton reached Washington?

Very truly your friend,

A. J. Davis.

8 Allston St —
Boston —
Mass —
Apr 23/86

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir:

Thank you much for the 2 volumes I have had from the B. of Ed. through your courtesy. The one on the "Seal" is especially interesting. I am so indignant and distressed over the miserable misadventures of our Missions that I can scarcely trust myself to speak of it. You have been ill treated beyond belief — Still I am sure that in the end you will have the best of the battle and make all come out right. Mrs. Wilhaire called & as the servants forgot to direct her to the Athenaeum only one

square off where I am writing
I failed to see her. If I had
had her address, or she had re-
turned in an hour I should
have had the pleasure - & it would
have been a great one. When do
you return to Alaska - We had
hoped to see you this winter.
I am still in great anxiety to
get my son properly placed
where he may make his way &
do some good in the world

Very truly
Julia McNair Wright

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Dear Bro:

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When in Philadelphia call in and see me as above.

Your very truly
Geo. A. Peltz.